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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 58.7 degrees, 1.0 degree below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 28. Precipitation averaged 2.41 inches, 1.66 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 21 points below normal.

Reporters rated 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 26. This is 1.2 days less than last year and 1.0 days less than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	3.9	6.1	96.7
2002	5.1	6.0	123.2
1998-2002 Average	4.9	5.7	126.8

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	1	79	20
Last Week	0	7	82	11
Same Week Last Year	27	32	33	8
1998-2002 Average	17	28	48	7

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Respondents estimate **Corn** at 93 percent dented. This is slightly ahead of last year but six days behind the five-year average. Thirty-five percent of corn is mature, compared to 49 percent last year and 62 percent for the five-year average. Growers have three percent of corn for grain

harvested. This is eight days behind 2002 and 10 days behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 66 percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is nine days behind last year and four days behind the five-year average. Seventy-four percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is five days behind 2002 and seven days behind the 1998-2002 average. Soybeans are 30 percent mature. This is six days behind last year and eight days behind the five-year average. Producers have six percent of soybeans harvested. This is eight days behind 2002 and nine days behind the five-year average. Farmers have three percent of **Winter wheat** planted. This is five days behind last year and five days behind the five-year average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 57 percent complete. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 80 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 85 percent of their crops harvested. This is six days ahead of last year and two days ahead of the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 46 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 41 percent in 2002. The **Grape** harvest is 38 percent complete. Seventy-nine percent of **Processing tomatoes** have been harvested. This is seven days behind 2002, and six days behind the 1998-2002 average.

Wet weather continues to reduce field work as the month of September nears its end. In drier locations, farmers planted winter wheat, harvested corn and soybeans, and baled hay. Vegetable producers harvested squash, sweet corn, pumpkins, cabbage and tomatoes, while fruit growers harvested fall apples. Livestock owners weaned and vaccinated feeder cattle and dairy producers chopped silage.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Some disease present in pumpkins could have an economic impact. Corn was rated 70 percent good to excellent condition compared to 11 percent last year. There are some reports of Diplodia and other ear rots affecting corn. Pasture condition was rated at 76 percent good to excellent compared to 5 percent in 2002. Respondents have indicated pasture growth is slowing due to cooler temperatures.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	57	57	65	37	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	46	41	46	33	NA
Corn dented	93	92	97	88	95
Corn mature	35	49	62	15	60
Corn harvested for grain	3	7	9	1	12
Corn Silage harvested	66	82	74	45	NA
Grapes harvested	38	58	58	25	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	80	82	85	73	NA
Potatoes harvested	85	76	82	79	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	79	91	88	68	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	74	87	89	55	59
Soybeans mature	30	50	57	15	NA
Soybeans harvested	6	13	18	2	6
Winter wheat planted	3	8	8	1	31

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	23	48	22
Previous Week	3	6	22	47	22
Previous Year	28	32	29	10	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	27	49	16
Previous Week	4	8	28	46	14
Previous Year	27	34	28	10	1
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	19	53	23
Previous Week	2	4	19	55	20
Previous Year	35	34	26	5	0
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	28	47	16
Previous Week	4	8	24	46	18
Previous Year	23	30	35	11	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	57.8	-1.2	2.94	2.39	28.71	8.04	57	-23	2777	-85
North Central	58.0	-1.0	2.51	1.85	27.29	5.93	58	-20	2751	-69
Northeast	57.7	-0.2	2.28	1.41	33.06	10.63	57	-16	2543	-114
West Central	58.7	-1.2	2.65	2.04	31.90	9.77	63	-22	2917	-63
Central	58.6	-1.6	2.64	1.91	29.83	7.26	61	-25	2959	-51
Central Hills	57.7	-0.9	2.70	2.00	29.96	7.30	57	-21	2753	-41
Northeast Hills	58.0	-1.1	2.04	1.29	30.64	8.12	59	-21	2777	-57
Southwest	59.9	-1.1	2.72	1.97	31.19	7.77	67	-23	3061	-81
South Central	60.7	-0.7	1.81	0.87	33.16	10.76	71	-22	3148	-33
Southeast	59.3	-0.8	1.81	0.96	30.83	8.20	65	-21	2942	-54
STATE	58.7	-1.0	2.41	1.66	30.68	8.41	62	-21	2877	-65

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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